**Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E.** *(Chief Secretary to Government)* :

(*a*) The functions of the Employment Exchange are.—

1. To register specified categories of candidates by recording their occupations, and other relevant particulars, preparing index cards for them and grouping them according to trade index numbers;

2. To assist the candidates who are registered at the Exchange in finding employment by submitting their names to employers who notify vacancies to the Exchange.

3. To contact employers and canvass orders for workmen.

4. To facilitate the mobility of labour from one area to another through the All India Labour clearing arrangement.

5. To collect and supply information regarding employment opportunities to workmen.

6. To provide information regarding technical training schemes to candidates who require such information and

7. To assist the Government in planning Post-war development schemes by supplying statistics regarding the availabitity of man-power in particular areas and for particular works.

(*b*) 227.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴത്തശ്ശൻ : ആകെ ഇതിൽ എത്ര ആളുകളുടെ പേർ റജിസ്റ്റ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട് ?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran M.B.E.,** *(Chief Secretary to Government )* : 2131 Persons have registered their names.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. ടി. ജേക്കബ്ബ് : ഇതെല്ലാം പട്ടാളത്തിൽ പോയി മടങ്ങിവന്ന ആൾക്കാരാണോ ?

രാമവർമ്മ തമ്പുരാൻ : അവരാണ് പ്രധാനമായിട്ടുള്ളത്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ആർ. കൃഷ്ണനെഴത്തശ്ശൻ : ബാക്കിയുള്ളവരും തൊഴിലില്ലാത്തവരായിട്ടില്ലെ?

രാമവർമ്മ തമ്പുരാൻ : ബാക്കിയുള്ള ആളുകൾക്കും പേര് റജിസ്റ്റ് ചെയ്യുവാൻ വിരോധമില്ല.

## COST OF LIVING INDEX—INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

**149. Mr. P. K. Dewer** *(Nominated)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) (*i*) whether they have begun to prepare and publish the cost of living index for industrial workers;

(*ii*) if so, please give figures for the last three months;

(*b*) when was an elaborate enquiry into their (industrial workers) family budget started by the Government so as to enable them to prepare cost of living index of industrial workers;

(*c*) when was the enquiry completed;

(*d*) whether the report of the enquiry has been published so far; if not please give reasons for not doing so;

(*e*) whether they have made any enquiry into the family budget of other classes of workers, *i.e.*, other than industrial workers;

(*f*) whether they will be pleased to place on table of the family budget of typical industrial worker in Ernakulam, Trichur and Mattancheri?

**Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu** *(Diwan Peishkar)*:

(*a*) (*i*) Preparation of the cost of living index based on the data and weightage ascertained as a result of the family budget enquiry undertaken by Government has only just commenced, but the index has not been published.

(*ii*) This does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

(*b*) On 1st Karkadagam 1119/16th July 1944.

(*c*) On 31st Medam 1120/13th May 1945.

(*d*) No. The analysis and tabulation of the results of the enquiry took much time and the final reports with the tables were received from the officers-in-charge of the budget enquiry only in this month.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The family budgets referred to are contained in the reports of the Officers-in-charge and will be published along with the reports.

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